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**AT FUNERAL RITES . . .** A crucifer for St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates begins procession into church as flag-draped casket of Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, escorted by an honor guard of six Marines, is taken to the church for funeral services Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Robert A. Tourgney, rector of St. Francis, conducted the Episcopal rites.



**HONOR GUARD . . .** Officers of the California Highway Patrol stand at attention as a tribute to Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel at funeral services for the veteran legislator Thursday. The rites were attended by political leaders and friends from throughout California and the West. Burial was Friday in Fort Rosecrans, Point Loma, San Diego. (Press-Herald Photos)

# Teenage Pair Rescue Boy From Swim Pool

## Students Praised For Feat

Two West High seniors were credited Wednesday with saving the life of a 7-year-old boy who was found at the bottom of an apartment house swimming pool.

Other children were swimming in the pool while the boy, Raymond Tambic, lay lifeless on the bottom, the Press-Herald was told.

William LiCausi pulled the boy from the pool and gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while a girl friend, Renae Champion, massaged the boy's heart.

YOUNG TAMBIC was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, then transferred to Kaiser Hospital.

LiCausi, employed as youth recreation director at the apartment complex at 20530 Anza Ave., said he spotted young Tambic at the bottom of the pool shortly after 1 p.m.

He said he had been talking with his mother and Miss Champion when he saw the boy and heard one girl nearby remark that Tambic had "been down there a long time."

LICAUSI kicked off his tennis shoes, called to his girl friend for help, and jumped into the pool. He pulled the boy from the bottom and handed him to Miss Champion, who was waiting at the edge of the pool.

The two teenagers went to work to clear young Tambic's lungs and stomach of water, then LiCausi began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as Miss Champion began massaging.

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**WILLIAM LI CAUSI Rescues Youth**

## SECOND DEATH IN WEEK

### Torrance Youth Dies in Vietnam

A 20-year-old Torrance soldier has been killed while on an ambush patrol in Vietnam, the Department of Defense announced Friday.

Pfc. Danny L. McMinn, 20, of 4908 Narrot St., was killed Feb. 15, the Department of Defense announcement said. He was a member of the

Army's 199th Brigade of the 17th Cavalry.

McMinn's was the tenth man from this area to die in the war and second whose death was announced this week.

HIS WIFE, Jean, who has been living in Northern California, gave birth to a daughter, Dawn Marie, a week ago, it was reported.

McMinn entered the Army in January, 1966, and had been sent to Vietnam last November. He was born in Artesia, Calif., and had lived in Torrance most of his life.

He attended North and West high schools and was employed at Douglas Aircraft's Torrance facility until he entered the army.

IN ADDITION to his wife and daughter, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alex Barclay of Torrance; a brother, John N. McMinn Jr. of Torrance, and a sister, Mrs. Karen I. Page, also of Torrance.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Niland's Torrance Mortuary with the Rev. Harold Sala of the Redondo Beach Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery with military honors.

## Manhattan Man Jailed For Assault

A 21-year-old Manhattan Beach man has been arrested by Torrance police on suspicion of assault with intent to commit rape.

Craig Grantland Caldwell, of 117 fifth St., Manhattan Beach was arrested Thursday about 1:15 p.m. under a warrant signed by Judge Otto B. Willett of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Caldwell is accused of assaulting a 14-year-old Torrance girl whom he and two other men reportedly met at a party last Jan. 21. The girl told police Caldwell had offered her a ride home and then had attacked her in the car.

## Hearing on Drug Charge Scheduled

A preliminary hearing for a 23-year-old Torrance man arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana is scheduled tomorrow in Division 3 of South Bay Municipal Court.

Stephen Allen Horton, of 16934 Purche Ave., was arrested late Saturday at his home at 2405 W. 170th St. A charge that he was under the influence of an unknown drug has been dropped.

A Hermosa Beach man, John Larry Cox, 22, was arrested with Horton on suspicion of being under the influence of an unknown drug. That charge also was dropped.

## Thieves Take TV

A television set and a radio worth \$145 were taken from the apartment of Nancy Gilen at 23028 Arlington Ave. Friday about 5:30 p.m. Torrance police said witnesses to the theft reported seeing two men and a woman leave the apartment.

## 'Hair-Trigger' Revolver Fired; Area Woman Dead

A 45-year-old North Torrance woman died Thursday night when she apparently pulled a "hair-trigger" on a revolver which she had pointed at her head.

Elfriede M. Anders, of 16802 Casmer Ave., was dead on arrival at Gardena Emergency Hospital shortly after 11 p.m.

Police said the woman and her husband, George A. An-

## Resolution Honors Late Assemblyman

A resolution honoring the memory of the late Charles Edward Chapel, 46th District Assemblyman, who died suddenly last Monday, has been adopted by the board of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution praised Chapel's "attention to and continued emphasis on the principles of Americanism" and his "lasting inspiration to the people of his district and the state of California."

## Charge Dropped In Auto Theft

A Redondo Beach youth arrested last Monday on suspicion of grand theft auto has been released and all charges have been dropped.

Edward Lee Buchanan, 19, of 810 El Redondo, was first arrested in Long Beach last Monday when he was seen driving an automobile which had been reported stolen.



**RENAE CHAMPION Helps Boy Friend**

## Walteria Dump Bid To Council

Plans to establish a rubbish dump in a sand and gravel pit in the South Torrance area will be considered Tuesday evening by the Torrance City Council.

Councilmen, who will convene at 8 p.m. for their regular meeting, are scheduled to hear the application of Land Fill, Inc., for a variance to operate the dump.

Charles D. Pratty, president of the firm seeking the zoning variance, has proposed the development of a dump on an 85-acre site located between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Street. The property is bounded on the north by Winlock Road and on the south by the Torrance city boundary.

THE CITY'S Planning Commission has recommended that the request for the variance be denied. The commission also has suggested that the council examine other possible uses for the land, including its development as a dump by the city or the county.

The city's Planning Department also has asked that the variance be refused.

Residents of the Walteria area oppose the project, contending it will result in health hazards and cause property values to decline.

PRATTY HAS said the property, which now is zoned for residential uses, cannot be used in its present condition. The land must be filled, he said, or it will remain an "unfilled and hazardous hole in the ground."

Hearings have been going on before the State Water Pollution Control Board No. 3, which must approve the dump plan before operations can begin.

In a letter dated Feb. 7, Lawrence A. Meyerson, senior water quality control engineer for the board, said Pratty has modified his original proposal and currently is seeking a state permit for a 12-acre "test site" at the east end of the 85-acre site.

MEYERSON also said Pratty also has proposed the use of a sealant to prevent the movement of ground water above a specified elevation and to take other steps necessary to prevent off-site runoff from reaching or seeping into the site.

The Water Pollution Control Board is considering the new proposal, it was reported.

## Bond Issue Backed by Chamber

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has adopted a resolution urging approval of the \$2.3 million city library bond issue which will be on the April 18 ballot.

Board members noted the city needs an independent, city-owned library system.

In other action, the Chamber board referred the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project to its Community Development Committee for additional study and offered the City Council the Chamber's facilities and resources to conduct a review of the city charter.

Directors also called on members of the Chamber to attend a special meeting of the Planning Commission at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The meeting has been called to discuss a proposed new sign ordinance.

## Pilot Pulled From Sea . . .

A Gardena man flying from Torrance Municipal Airport was rescued from the water off Long Beach Thursday by the Coast Guard after the propeller flew off the surplus military training plane he was piloting. James H. McCartney, who lives at 818 W. 144th St., Gardena, was picked up just before 4:30 p.m. by the cutter Minnetonka, after he had been spotted in the water about one-half mile off the harbor breakwater. McCartney's "Mayday" distress calls were picked up by the tower at Torrance Airport. Five planes from the airport joined in the search for the downed pilot.

## Thief Kills Market Clerk . . .

A 24-year-old market clerk who tried to stop the theft of a bottle of wine was killed Friday night when the thief slashed his throat. Charles McFadden, 24, of 18027 St. Andrews Place, was dead on arrival at Gardena Emergency Hospital. Police said McFadden saw a man take a bottle from the liquor department of a market at 15303 Normandie Ave. about 9:45 p.m. and pursued the man into the parking lot. The man turned and slashed at McFadden with a knife, cutting his throat, police said. The only description of the killer was that he was a man and a Caucasian.

## Boy Falls From Rail Bridge . . .

Ten-year-old Douglas Kimball, of 249 W. 232nd St., has been hospitalized with injuries suffered when he fell 15 feet from a railroad bridge near Figueroa Street and Sepulveda Boulevard to avoid an oncoming train Wednesday. Young Kimball reportedly was walking his bicycle across the bridge and didn't see or hear the train until it was too late. The train struck the bike and the boy tumbled to the water below the bridge. F. L. Wible, a crewman aboard the train, ran below and pulled the boy from the water. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital with injuries described as critical.

## Injured Officer Goes Home, Assailant Held

Torrance Detective Lee Graber, injured Feb. 3 when he was run over after he and his partner had stopped a car believed to have been stolen, has been released from the hospital.

Graber was allowed to return to his home last week, the Press-Herald was told. He must return to the hospital at a later date, however, for surgery on one knee.

The driver of the car, identified as George Sloss, 20, of Hawthorne, was arraigned last week on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder. He also was charged with one count of grand theft auto.

Sloss has been ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing on the charges in South Bay Municipal Court next Monday at 9 a.m. He remains in custody in lieu of \$27,500 in bail.

## Police Arrest Lawndale Man

A 23-year-old Lawndale man was arrested on suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs Friday evening in the 3500 block of Artesia Boulevard.

Steven Leonard Salazar, of 3603 W. 147th St., Lawndale, was taken into custody by Torrance police about 11:15 p.m. Police said Salazar appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

## 2 Women, Man Hurt In Crashes

Light rain which began falling late Friday evening has been blamed for two automobile crashes which struck two women to the hospital and resulted in injuries to one man.

The two women were injured about 11:45 p.m. Friday when their foreign sedan was struck at Western Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

Linda Paula Damm, 21, of Manhattan Beach, and Mary Susan Boyer, 22, of 5300 Lorna St., were in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital following the crash.

POLICE SAID Miss Damm was driving north on Western Avenue and making a turn into the westbound lanes on Torrance Boulevard when the accident occurred. Driver of the second car was identified as Gary M. Nelson, 17, of 1839 W. 243rd St.

Witnesses said Miss Damm failed to yield the right-of-way before completing her turn.

THE MAN was injured about 2:30 a.m. yesterday when he lost control of his car in the 2300 block of Plaza del Amo, hit a fence and slammed into a tree.

Edward M. Fournier, 20, of 23820 Arlington Ave., was treated for cuts and bruises at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released.

He told police a dog ran into the street and he lost control of the car when he hit the brakes.

Three persons suffered minor injuries Wednesday evening in a two-car collision on Western Avenue at 213th Street. All three were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment and released.

Police said cars driven by Nellie Ysais, 25, of 2314 Dominguez St., and Diane J. Patterson, 24, of Long Beach, collided. Dorris Komery, 22, also of Long Beach, also was hurt. She was a passenger in the Patterson vehicle.

Torrance police said the Ysais woman, driving north on Western Avenue, was attempting a left turn on to 213th Street when the crash occurred about 9:45 p.m.